if once a final answer in disposal has been given as in this case "whatever can be done will be done, gradually, year by year, as funds are available", it means that that answer lasts till the work is completed. Therefore to bring up the question again is simply to receive the same answer. The answer given to your subject stands for the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th sessions of the Assembly.

The member then proceeded with his representation and said:—

The trace from Quilon to Mukhathala *via* Pattathanam should be converted into a public road.

The road from the western side of the Kundara Sub-registry office *via* Kanjiracode and Perayam and joining the Kundara-Kallada road should be improved and taken over for departmental maintenance.

A new road should be constructed from the Quilon-Shencotta road, 6th mile 2nd furlong, to Pooyapalli *via* Nedumankavu. Government had sanctioned Rs. 6,400 for the work, but it was not taken up yet.

A bridge should be constructed at Thevalli.

Culverts and sluices should be provided on the southern and western sides of the Kundamanchira.

The Kottiyam-Mayynad road should be completed soon. Some work had already been done in regard to this road.

The encroachments on the *porambokes* on either side of the Kundamanchira should be removed.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raman Pillai, I have previously given you very definite and clear answers to all the points you have raised again this year. If you want anything further to be done I suggest all these matters of roads, communications and bridges be brought up before the Road Board which will shortly be constituted and then of course the decision of the Road Board will have weight, as to what should be taken up, and what is urgent, and which should be given priority and so on.

There is one more point, *i. e.*, removal of the encroachment on the porambokes on either side of Kundamanchira, which I shall refer to the Chief Engineer and the Land Revenue Commissioner for consideration.

80. Needs of Kottarakara.

MR. DEVAN PARAMESWARAN VALIYATHAN (*Member, Kottarakara taluk*) dealt with the following needs of the Kottarakara taluk:—

A road should be opened from Kadakkal to Chadayamangalam. The road will be only 4 miles in length and will pass through the densely populated parts of the Chadayamangalam and Kummil Pakuthies.

The route of the proposed road from Odanavattom to Valakom should be laid from Vilangara to Valakam. The densely populated

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regions of the Ummannur, Veliyam and other pakuthies would then get the benefit of this road. The people of Odanavattom and the neighbouring places did not stand in need of the new road as they had already several roads by which they had easy access to the Pooyapalli and the Nellikunnathu markets.

A bridge should be built on the Ezhukon-Pooyapalli road where it crossed the Neduvankavil river. The road was one opened by the ryots themselves. Similarly, the necessary bridges and culverts should be built on the ryots' road from Ezhukon to Kottarakara.

A road should be opened from the Kottarakara railway Station to the Agricultural farm.

A bridge should be constructed at the Karimpinpuzha kadavu in Kunnathur. This bridge was the subject of several representations in the Assembly and of an interpellation in the Legislative Council.

Agricultural demonstration farms should be opened in each pakuthi. Agricultural exhibition halls should also be provided in all important places. Demonstration farms were now being maintained in urban areas where they could be of no service to the agricultural classes.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Devan Parameswaran Valiyathan, regarding the road from the Kadakal market to Chadayamangalam, the Chief Engineer will report on that matter after going there to examine it. Then for the road from Vilangara to Valakom, Government have already sanctioned its construction and also the alignment. The department is working out the detailed estimate which the Chief Engineer has promised to send to Government. Ezhukon-Puyappalli ryots' road is a very expensive road to take up. The cost comes to Rs. 67,000, more than half a lakh of rupees. Therefore the Public Works Department will do the work year by year, section by section; so that it will be ready in a few years time. For a bridge at Karimpinpuzha, Government have already called for an estimate. The field survey is over and the Public Works Department are preparing an estimate. In regard to the necessity for a road from the Kottarakara railway station to the demonstration farm, the Chief Engineer finds that there is a village road for a length of one mile from the railway station and that the traffic has not sufficiently increased to justify any expense by Government on a new road. Part of the Ezhukon-Kottarakara ryots' road has been taken up for maintenance already and the remaining part will also be taken up in due course.

As for demonstration farms it is not possible to open farms everywhere. But whenever possible the Director of Agriculture sends his officers to give demonstrations on the ryots' own lands. If the ryots want any such demonstrations, you may communicate with the Director of Agriculture and he will see that the demonstration is carried out on the spot.

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81. Needs of the Pattanapuram taluk.

MR. NARAYANA PILLAI PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Member, Pattanapuram taluk*) dealt with the following needs of the Pattanapuram taluk :—

The Punalur girls' school should be raised to the standard of a Middle School Formerly there was class V in the school, but it was subsequently abolished. With the abolition of the class, many girls who were reluctant to attend boys' schools had to stop their studies.

A separate Munsiff's court should be established at Punalur to serve the need of the people of Pattanapuram. At present Pattanapuram was included in the jurisdiction of the Kottarakara Munsiff's Court. But Kottarakrara was far away from Pattanapuram. The court at Kottarakara had also a heavy file, so that additional Munsiffs had to be appointed very often to clear arrears. It would relieve the pressure of work in the court and also meet the needs of the people of Pattanapuram, if a separate court was established at Punalur. If this was not possible, the Tahsildar, Kottarakara, might be divested of his magisterial powers and a Munsiff-Magistrate appointed at Punalur.

Swampy areas thrown open for cultivation out of reserve forests should be assigned to local people in small blocks. If they were auctioned in big blocks none but the very rich and affluent will be able to bid for them, with the result that land will accumulate in the hands of the rich.

The Puravomthur - Kamukumcheri road (starting from the 31st mile of the Kayancolam—Punalur road) should be extended from Kamukumcheri for a distance of about 3 miles and connected with the Avaneeswaram—Pattanapuram road; and a ferry should be established where the road crossed the Kallada river.

The Parakode-Avaneeswaram road running from Parakode to Pattazhi should be connected with the road from Pattazhi to the Avaneeswaram railway station and it should be taken over for departmental maintenance.

The Enadi-Pattazhi ryots' road running from Enattu on the M. C. road to Pattazhi should be taken over for departmental maintenance. the necessary culverts being constructed by Government.

The Avaneeswaram - Anchal road which had already been sanctioned should be opened at once.

A road should be opened *via* Pathayamcheri and connected with the above road and a bridge should be provided on the canal on the way.

The Erur-Meenkulam road partly opened by the people should be taken over by Government and completed soon.

The Punalur hospital should be made more useful to the people, by improving the accommodation, enhancing the supply of medicines and appointing a few nursing sisters to look after women patients.

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